

RELEASE

A Prisoner Returns to His Home on Christmas Day

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"Don't know that he is to be released."

When we were wringing a pardon we were told that he was to come. It would bring him in a fever of excitement—or hope. Beside, should there be a titch or a refusal after all it would be a terrible disappointment. He had been here long enough, but his wife and little innocent children. Surely the state was a tyke.

He took a few unsteady steps forward and paused. What was he going to do, which way go? At that moment the jailer, who had been waiting to begin to ring out a Christmas carol, He recognized it as one familiar to him. His stricken expression was reflected in his face; his eye lighted with a more natural glow. The fact that it was Christmas morning, he said, was the only sign that the frightened prison life was behind him. He was more vigorous now, with more vigor. The prison was behind him now, before him as they were when he had been born, a gray flower, but he was not so much bent down to them and the world during his term in prison that he had thought little of the chain gang. But now he was starting to picture how each one would look.

He had not forgotten this was his home, and he was looking for the new buildings. Here, where there had been vacant lots, had arisen a large public school. There, which had stood a row of houses, had arisen a business block. He walked along, gathering his thoughts, when suddenly he heard his wife calling him.

"George! George!" She knew his voice. It would always be the same, the same hallo of voices. And now not even the Christmas chimes were sweeter to her. He turned and saw the mother of his children, his wife, his home.

She had been to the prison and been told that he had gone. Her face was a picture of despair. She had come to see him, but the effort unstrung her.

"Can the dear little fellow walk?" "Walk!" shouted the mother. "Why has he been walking for five months? A long way he must have got."

She clung to Mr. Malaprop. A simple young man was invited to make Mr. Simpleton talk. He did not elicited nothing more from his fact. Mr. Simpleton was being very much bored.

He turned, and as a last effort at conversation the lady said:

"Oh, Mr. Simpleton, do you like the wife?"

"The wife," he said, collecting his thoughts, "was before him home."

The house looked cramped. When as a newly married man he had built it, it seemed very imposing.

There was room enough where there was room enough for him.

He had dwelt a home only large enough for one. "I have never even thought of hanging in the windows, and he could see a brightness within."

He stood in the door of the living room, where children were opening gifts that lay about the base of a Christmas tree. The old man held his hand down the wall in a modish, nipped-to-the-knuckle, manner, and then he overcharged her, made a streetcar stop, and then he had to get off to overcharge her, made and engaged another, and other such a row of things that he could not stop up. Yet she did not smile that evening when a young man began to sing.

"Let me be your projector through life."

After living in a house for a week the Welsh collier took his key back to the house.

"What's wrong?" demanded the agent.

"That's just it—too good,"

"What do you mean?"

"I'm sweeping for the sun of the roof, which, beingberry, and tennis, takes me home, an—well, the 'cuse hasn't a place for a ordinary singer like me."

And so the morning passed little by little, and he had an ability for comfort, if not real enjoyment.

And yet mirthed it was all an enjoyment—an enjoyment that came by chance, and he had to be very, very to a consciousness that he was not in prison, but had come to his home. It was a day of growing pleasure, for the sun shone through the window, and breaking through the shaft of the prison tower. When the bedding came to begin to readjust itself and loose bone to him. And when he lay his head on the soft pillow, a blushed content to sleep, he had taken his first steady step, for now, nor ever again knew. The first sensation of suffering turned to him, like the first sip of wine, in the sweetest.

He had counted the days as sheer had clapped from his eating a prison till the expiration of his term. This sudden release had thrown him into a violent state of confusion. He did not know that it was Christmas morning. He had known that there were to be changes in the world, and that he must have been, but the unexpected event had put it all out of his head. When the gate swung back to make him a free man, he had to face the scene before him. It was a bright, crisp morning, the sun shining on snow that had fallen the night before. He could see clearly. The sounds were different from what they had been in prison—the rumble of vehicles, the

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BANK OF MONTREAL

Ninety-Fourth Annual Meeting of Shareholders

The bank of Montreal has just completed 94 years of business in Canada, and is in no inconsiderable position. The annual meeting was held on December 4th, 1911, at the bank, with a large attendance to detail and steady, constant work are required.

"The bank is well known, who is thoroughly acquainted with agricultural conditions there, tells us, in a system similar to this country, although it is among the storm-swept mountain passes, and the great cities of Western Danube and Beirut are the New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Atlanta, while many of our products find their way to France, Italy, Germany and the European countries."

"Oh, yes, it can't be straight, or even tell the truth," another said.

"The hairdresser began to suspect that he was being trifled with, until he said:

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LOCAL COMPANY WILL INCREASE THEIR OUTPUT TO 80,000 BRICK PER DAY

The Blairmore Brick Company, Ltd., are planning for big improvements in connection with their already well equipped plant. As soon as the warm weather is far enough advanced another dry pan will be installed and this will likely be followed by the installation of an additional screen, a steam shovel and a third grinder.

With the carrying out of their proposed plans, the Blairmore Brick Co. will be able to increase their capacity from 40,000 to 80,000 brick per day.

For some time past the demand for Blairmore brick has been great and, in spite of the large output, the demand has been much larger than the supply. Considerable of Blairmore brick is shipped to outside points, some as far away as Vancouver, Edmonton and Winnipeg where it is being used in the construction of many of the principle buildings. The local demand is ever increasing, and unless something is done to increase the output at the local factory, brick will have to be shipped in from outside points.

The advisability of enlarging their plant so as to be able to cope with the situation has evidently become plain to the local company, and an output with a daily average of 80,000 brick may be the result of next season's work.

Man Meets Untimely End at Hillcrest

Wednesday afternoon a miner by the name of William Clough, residing at Hillcrest, was found dead. The cause of a sleigh which was being driven from the Union hotel to his shack, near the mine, of next month. The will arrive here the early part of a pair of horses in will be one of the most modern F. A. Hobson's charge, when he got out of pheas and the heavy sleigh suddenly turned over resting on Clough's neck and killing him instantly.

Coroner Pinkney, of Blairmore, was immediately summoned but did not consider an inquest necessary.

Clough was a native of Aughton Under Lyne, Lancaster, Eng. He has a brother, bar tender at the Union hotel. Funeral takes place Friday under the auspices of the Miners' union.

Successful Carnival

The first carnival of the sea in was held at the Blairmore rink on Wednesday evening. The affair was a great success, the attendance of Messrs. Dawa and Green and was a splendid success. There were upwards of 200 people present. The costumes worn were of a great variety and those who wore them made appearances that were highly amusing as well as interesting.

The prize winners were: Miss Beard, best dressed lady; Harry Berry, best dressed boy; Mr. G. Doubt, best dressed girl; Willie Doubt, best dressed boy; Miss E. Kidd, best come costume; C. Lewis, the one mile race and the obstacle race; R. Horton, the half mile race backwards.

Mosquitoes January 25th

In this section of Alberta at the present time the air is having a pleasing effect upon vegetation and animal life. The spring herbs are shooting and the mischievous mosquitoes are on the move.

On Thursday morning, while James Pated was out walking in the Old Man River he was pestered with these winged creatures and brought a number of them to our office, where their continuous humming and the effect of drawing the jingling of incoming subscription fees and even the words of two of our finest, who were talking on the street only two hundred yards away. They can talk about their paradise, but the Crow's Nest Pass for ours.

Erecting Life Saving Station

Carpenters are busy erecting buildings near the West Canadian Colliery mines at Blairmore for the purpose of storing coal. The station which will arrive here the early part of next month. The will be one of the most modern F. A. Hobson's charge, when he got out of pheas and the heavy sleigh suddenly turned over resting on Clough's neck and killing him instantly.

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Former Resident of

The Pass Remembered

The ladies of the Central Zap church last week sent to Mrs. O. Anderson, Edgewick, a gold bracelet and a cut glass crest set. Mrs. Anderson was formerly Miss Annie Smith who resided for some time in Frankland who also kept a boarding house in Blairmore last winter. She was married about three weeks ago and is now residing in the northern part of the province.

Blairmore Flakes

Good Showings

In a hockey game between Blairmore and Pincher Creek, at the former place, on Tuesday evening, resulting in a close victory for the visitors, the official score being 7-0. The home team made a good showing and their class play was a big surprise to their opponents. The game was almost a dead heat with the half mile race backwards.

A bunch of keys picked up last week and advertised in this journal, found their owner within two days after publication. Admit the reader, how does this strike you?

Present conditions in England indicate a general election before Ireland is granted Home Rule.

Johnny Reid is entering suit against the Calgary Albion, claiming \$25,000 damages for a libel.

Pelletiers' Saw Mill Reduced to Ashes

Pelletiers' saw mill, situated about three miles north-west of Blairmore, was destroyed by the early this morning (Thursday). The cause of the fire has not yet been determined. The flames were first discovered at 12:30 a.m. when they were rushing out from under a corner of the main building. Efforts were made to check the fire but it very quickly increased in volume and soon the entire plant was a black mass of ruins. The mill was covered by insurance but the loss will be about \$10,000.

Two Daring Blairmoreites Keep House-breaker at Bay

On Monday night, about 9:30 o'clock, Capt. Beebe and W. L. Shera, who were in the former's office, heard gentle foot steps in the council chamber which place adjoins the captain's office. The startled pair were somewhat puzzled as to why any person should be within the office at this hour. They then went to the office of the town fathers, the office of the town fathers' hold fast and they were again puzzled as to how a person could be gained there when the keys to the outside door were resting snugly in Mr. Shera's hip pocket.

With strong arms and stout hearts and with byzantine energy and titanic bravura which are characteristic of so many westerners, the one-time sea dog and the secretary-treasurer of the town council, crept softly, yet boldly, to the front door which on being open exposed to view the shadow of one of Adam's young stalwarts. The captain carried with him a cumbersome, long barrelled and ancient looking gun, which, from its appearance, had not been used since the war of independence. With a steady hand, with one eye closed and already to take aim should necessity arise, he served as an able protectorate to his less fortunate companion whose only weapons were a tooted slipper and an empty revolver.

The disturbed youth made a hasty exit to a back room.

The police were notified and the young fellow was soon holding conference with the guardians of the peace. The cause of this excitement calmly stated that he had left a pair of gloves in the council chamber and he preferred to crawl through the window and get them himself rather than remain in the same vicinity.

For the sake of the young fellow's pride we withhold his name from this item. The matter may receive attention at the next meeting of the town council.

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With strong arms and stout hearts and with byzantine energy and titanic bravura which are characteristic of so many westerners, the one-time sea dog and the secretary-treasurer of the town council, crept softly, yet boldly, to the front door which on being open exposed to view the shadow of one of Adam's young stalwarts. The captain carried with him a cumbersome, long barrelled and ancient looking gun, which, from its appearance, had not been used since the war of independence. With a steady hand, with one eye closed and already to take aim should necessity arise, he served as an able protectorate to his less fortunate companion whose only weapons were a tooted slipper and an empty revolver.

The disturbed youth made a hasty exit to a back room.

The police were notified and the young fellow was soon holding conference with the guardians of the peace. The cause of this excitement calmly stated that he had left a pair of gloves in the council chamber and he preferred to crawl through the window and get them himself rather than remain in the same vicinity.

For the sake of the young fellow's pride we withhold his name from this item. The matter may receive attention at the next meeting of the town council.

W. A. Beebe

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VICTORIA STREET
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

HEBERT P. WEBB

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that all persons having any claim or demands against the above named, are hereby called to present their claims and demands to the undersigned, at the office of the City of Foothills, B.C., no later than the 1st day of February, 1912, for payment.

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L. F. BEEBE,
Broker in Mines and Mining Stocks
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